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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 11-18. The Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-10 and submits that claims 11-18 are in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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